## Muhammad ibn 'Ali ABA al-KHAYL (Phonetic: ahbal KAIL)

SAUDI ARABIA

Minister of State for Financial Affairs and National Economy

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Addressed as: Mr. Minister

Shaykh Muhammad ibn
'Ali Aba al-Khayl, about
42, was named Minister
of State for Financial
Affairs and National
Economy in February 1972.

Aba al-Khayl is also a

member of the Supreme Petroleum Council.

he has

risen rapidly since joining the civil service in the late 1950's.

A member of an aristocratic Najdi family, Aba al-Khayl received a degree in commerce from Cairo University in 1951. As Deputy Minister and later Vice Minister of Finance and National Economy (1964-72), he handled the day-to-day affairs of the Ministry.

Shaykh Aba al-Khayl is a member of the governing boards of several Saudi institutions and agencies. He has served on economic delegations to other Middle Eastern countries and was scheduled to receive a grant for a visit to the United States in 1971. Married in 1967 to a cousin, Aba al-Khayl has one child. He speaks English.

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